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- Indication of Small Entity Status
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- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/07/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/07/2006
- Specification filed on 04/07/2006
- Claims filed on 04/07/2006
- Abstracts filed on 04/07/2006
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$775** as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$840** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Surcharge.
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 - **\$100** for 1 independent claims over 3.
 - **\$675** for 27 total claims over 20.

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